

Situation Name:**2022 01 25 – Public Safety – Planned Truck Demonstration – Ottawa****EOC Operations Group SitRep****2022 01 25 / 13:00 hours**

Roll Call	
Department / Service	Name
EOC Ops Group Commander	Beth Gooding
EOC Ops Group Deputy Commander	Melissa Lavery; Lianne Shaver
Corporate Duty Officer	Kyle Donaldson
Scribe	Paola Parenti
Office of the City Clerk	Caitlin Salter-MacDonald
Community and Social Services	Sonia Luberti
(EPS) By-law and Regulatory Services	Tania McCumber; Myrka Khorrami
(EPS) Fire Services	Jim Andrews
(EPS) Paramedic Service	Denis Gagnon; Eric Kapcala; Stephanie Mills; Reid Purdy
Finance Services Department	Stephanie Farrington
(IWSD) Infrastructure	Susan Johns
(IWSD) Water Services	Carol Hall
(ICSD) Fleet	Jim Woods
(ICSD) Human Resources	Sherry Sani
(ICSD) Information Technology	Lee Farrell
(ICSD) Legal	Jennifer Perreira
(ICSD) Public Information and Media Relations	Isabel Payne; Ghislain Lamothe
(ICSD) ServiceOttawa / 3-1-1	Cody Rissler
(PRED) Planning	Brad Cheer
Public Works Department	Jake Gravelle
(PWD)Traffic Services	Byron Hemlow; Chris Brinkmann
Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services	Jennifer Shepherd
(TSD) Rail Construction	Ronnie Varghese
(TSD) Transit	Roy Lafleur
Police Service	Sam Roberts
Public Health	Christine Taylor
Public Library	Ann Archer
Office of Emergency Management	Dan Bissonnette; Kelly Cochrane; Nicole Ward

EPS: Emergency and Protective Services Department

IWSD: Infrastructure and Water Services Department

ICSD: Innovative Client Services Department

PRED: Planning, Real Estate and Economic Services Department

PWD: Public works Department

TSD: Transit Services Department

1. Welcome / Roll Call (B. Gooding / P. Parenti)

- P. Parenti conducted roll call
- B. Gooding advised the agenda for the meeting would include:
 - A situation update from the Police Service
 - Requesting some of the service areas to speak to activities they have planned in support of the situation, and identify potential impacts
 - Identify short-term coordination requirements

2. Situation Update (S. Roberts)

- Truck convoy originated in British Columbia (BC); premise is to cease vaccine and COVID-19-related mandates.
- Approximately 380 vehicles participated in the convoy when it started; when the convoy reached the BC border, some participants turned away. The convoy size seems to increase and decrease through each Province.
- Convoy is en route to Ottawa. Expecting to see vehicles starting to arrive by Friday (January 28).
- Current locations for the convoy in Ottawa include Parliament Hill, Confederation Park, Major's Hill Park, and blocking Wellington Street.
- Police focus will be to maintain public safety. Working with organizers to ensure a peaceful demonstration. The Public Order Unit / Emergency Support Unit (ESU) is not currently planned to be deployed at this time; will be on standby and deployed if required (civil disobedience).
- Traffic Units are working on a traffic plan. Meeting with the Traffic Incident Management Group (TIMG) later today, to discuss impact to City.
- The National Capital Region Command Centre (NCRCC) will be activated as Area Command during this event. Representatives at the NCRCC to include the City's emergency services, traffic, transit and the EOC.
- Police will lead Communications, in collaboration with Public Information and Media Relations (PIMR). There will be staff operating during the day, with contingencies for after-hours messaging that may be required.
- B. Gooding: Could you please verify the staging areas and road impacts?
 - S. Roberts: Plans are continually changing; initial reports included the 417, Wellington and Elgin.
- E. Kapcala: Will the ESU be staged, or on standby? Noting that the Paramedic Services supports this unit.
 - S. Roberts: Current plan, which could change, is that if the ESU is required, it will be a call-in.

3. Service Area Plans / Impacts

Paramedic Service (E. Kapcala)

- Paramedics who support the Public Order Unit will be on standby to support the ESU if deployed.
- With ESU not currently planned to be deployed, the Paramedic Service is planning to dedicate one specific vehicle to the event, and will upscale as required.

Fire Service (J. Andrews)

- Acknowledged there have been reports of fencing being erected and a potential bbq at Confederation Park.
- Most significant concern from Fire Services would be any issues around accessing property, including the Parliament Hill perimeter.

Traffic Services (B. Hemlow)

- Roadway impacts will be better known as the event gets closer.
- There will be a Traffic Services representative at the NCRCC.
- Pre-emptively looking at deploying variable message sign (VMS) boards and mobile cameras.
- Working with Police, Transit and Roads to develop plans as the situation unfolds.

Transit Services (R. Lafleur)

- To follow-up if Transit is included in TIMG, as he (the current on-call Duty Officer) is not.
- If LRT is functioning as it should be, there shouldn't be significant transit impacts as not many routes travel on the 417 or Wellington.
- Once street impacts are known, the service routes may have to adjust.

Public Works Department / Roads (J. Gravelle)

- Crews are continuing with snow removal operations. Can focus operations on other areas of the city if the convoy impacts areas in the downtown core.

Water Services (C. Hall)

- Major concern would be access should there be a requirement to isolate valves in the event of a watermain break. Isolation can be expanded if can't get to a particular valve, but this would result in more people being without water, and a larger area with potential water quality issues.

Infrastructure Services (S. Johns)

- Not anticipating any impacts.
- Depending on route, can reach out if there is anything sensitive in terms of construction activities.

Public Library (A. Archer)

- Potential impact could include access to washrooms in the downtown library.
- B. Gooding: commented there could be potential impacts to City Hall access as well.

Community and Social Services (S. Luberti)

- Noted that there is a physical distancing centre on Nicholas Street, which could experience impacts to staff and clients of the centre.
- Emergency response access could be impacted to attend the centre as well, which supports an at-risk population.

Public Health (C. Taylor)

- There is a vaccine clinic planned at the University of Ottawa over the weekend, which could be impacted based on the convoy route.

ServiceOttawa / 3-1-1 (C. Rissler)

- Typically increased call volumes for this type of event are around traffic disruptions. Currently anticipating will be able to handle those calls without concern.
- If people see uniformed personnel at a demonstration, they assume the City is aware, and tend to not report these activities.

By-law and Regulatory Services (T. McCumber)

- Not planning to be involved in COVID-19 enforcement, including gatherings.
- If there are any parking restrictions put in place, BLRS will monitor and maintain closure areas or streets, including assisting with clearing areas of vehicles.

Finance (S. Farrington)

- If a cost centre is required, please let the department know.

Public Information and Media Relations (G. Lamothe)

- Once have a better understanding of the impacts, can develop required communications accordingly.
- Currently utilizing holding lines for media calls that are already coming in.
- Planning for a PSA, recognizing they might be limited in terms of how much information can be provided at this time.
- Working with Police Communications (John Steinbachs) and impacted service areas.
- There is a media avail planned for after the Council meeting tomorrow (January 26). Kim Ayotte and Phil Landry will be in attendance; anticipating questions regarding the convoy.
- B. Gooding: Councillor McKenney has already reached out as it appears the primary impacts could be to their ward.
 - G. Lamothe: Police Comms have also received outreach from some Councillors, including Councillor McKenney. Will let Police Comms know that the City will keep the Councillors informed.

4. Next Steps

- S. Roberts: Convoy plans are constantly changing; Police continuing to monitor and validate intel. Flexibility required. Police will lead on Comms and coordinate with the City.
- B. Gooding: This is a Police-led event; the City is supporting.
 - Coordination of service impacts required, as well as communications as appropriate – to residents, staff and Members of Council.
 - Anticipating further updates from Police and TIMG.
 - The City is currently in Monitoring, and can escalate as required.
 - We can reconvene this group as required.

The meeting was adjourned at 13:32 hours.

Approved By: Beth Gooding

Position: EOC Operations Group Commander

Date and Time: 2022 01 25 / 18:01 hours